

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH



VISION STATEMENT

Encountering Christ,
Growing in His love,
Serving in His name.

Discipleship Pathway

Listening to our hearts, we respond to the Lord's invitation to journey together on the path of discipleship.



Parish Staff

Fr. Matthew Kujawinski, Pastor
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, Breath of the Creator,
as advocate whom the Father sent,
fall afresh with the sparks of faith
on this community.

Ignite our hearts to give bold witness of your love;
creating a culture of belonging.

Open our eyes to the present,
enable us to see your vision for our future;
showing us the way to go.

Give us the wisdom to wait for you
as we trust you to teach us and guide us.

May we be filled with passion and desire
to intentionally and eagerly journey
the path you have laid out for us.

Amen

September 1, 2024 - The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WEEK AHEAD

For a complete calendar of events, please visit ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar

Mon. 09/02	Labor Day Parish Office Closed
Tue. 09/03	9:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club 2:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl 4:00 p.m. Religious Ed Gr 3-6 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council 7:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
Wed. 09/04	6:00 p.m. AGIFT Meeting 6:30 p.m. GR Group
Thur. 09/05	9:30 a.m. OLM Pickleball Club 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Gr 9 Candidate/Parent Confirmation Session 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl 7:00 p.m. OLM Pickleball Club
Fri. 09/06	9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Meet-Up
Sat. 09/07	3:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 09/08	8:00 a.m. Pre-Cana 10:30 a.m. Edge Parent Meeting 10:30 a.m. Religious Ed Gr K-2 & 7-8

2024 FESTIVAL BREAKDOWN

If you would like to see a breakdown of festival income and expenses for 2024, please pick up a copy on the bulletin tables in the Gathering Space or call the Parish Office at 814-899-5342.



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We Remember...

John McAnulty,
who passed away recently.
Please hold him and his family in prayer during this difficult time.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 09/02		- NO MASS -
Tue. 09/03	8:30 a.m.	Edward C. Spellman (Family)
Wed. 09/04	8:30 a.m.	Don McCurdy (Family)
Thur. 09/05	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. 09/06	8:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of Prayer Shawl Ministry (Prayer Shawl Ministry)
Sat. 09/07	4:30 p.m.	Helen Heise (The Heise Family)
Sun. 09/08	9:30 a.m.	For the People of OLM

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

If you can not make your scheduled Mass, please contact another minister to sub for you

Saturday, September 7th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Bob Cline
Bowl 1.....	Sub Needed!
Bowl 2.....	Kay Kaerberlein
Cup 1.....	Carol Stauffer
Cup 2.....	Angie Matrogran
Altar Server.....	Gabby Peters
Greeter.....	Jason R zodkiewicz
Greeter.....	Joyce R zodkiewicz

Sunday, September 8th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....	Erica Erwin
Lector 2.....	Reagan Andrews
Bowl 1.....	John Skuce
Bowl 2.....	Ken Marshall
Cup 1.....	Pat Marshall
Cup 2.....	Rachel Still
Cup 3.....	Karen Sweeney
Cup 4.....	Erica Taccone
Altar Server.....	Kaylyn Still
Altar Server.....	Makayla Inthavong
Greeter.....	Tony Gilmore
Greeter.....	Linda Kaleta
AV Ministry.....	Lisa Spelling
CLW Leader.....	Rachel Still

Saturday, September 14th at 4:30 p.m.

Lector.....	Glory Piovarcy
Bowl 1.....	Todd Beckes
Bowl 2.....	Marilyn Rinke
Cup 1.....	Carol Stauffer
Cup 2.....	Angie Matrogran
Altar Server.....	Gabby Peters
Greeter.....	Marilyn McDaniel
Greeter.....	Lisa Spelling

Sunday, September 15th at 9:30 a.m.

Lector 1.....	Adriana Grosch
Lector 2.....	Nathan Henry
Bowl 1.....	Maureen Brainard
Bowl 2.....	Steve Brainard
Cup 1.....	Judy Iesue
Cup 2.....	Joann Collins
Cup 3.....	Carole Peters
Cup 4.....	Nick Heise
Altar Server.....	Colton Catrabone
Altar Server.....	Zachery Henry
Greeter.....	Paul Sacco
Greeter.....	Patty Sacco
AV Ministry.....	Ken Marshall
CLW Leader.....	Nancy Mowery

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of August 25, 2024

Envelopes returned:	55	\$ 2,863.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	137	\$ 3,183.95
Loose Change:		\$ 67.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 6,113.95

Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, September 18** at the home of Kay Kaerberlein, 190 Kraus Dr., to discuss The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon. In October we will discuss Long Island Compromise by Taffy Brodesser-Akner.



Grief Support Group



The Grief Support Ministry will meet for prayer, sharing and mutual support on **Monday, Sept. 9 at 7:00** in the Conference Room. This gathering is open to anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. There is no need to commit to further meetings. Whether you attend once or 20 times, whether you are grieving a family member or friend, whether your loss is recent or years old, whether you belong to OLM or another faith tradition, you are welcome.

Baptismal Prep Session

The next Baptismal Prep Session for parents and godparents will be **Sunday, Oct. 6 at 10:30**. Parents are asked by the Diocese of Erie to attend a preparation session before scheduling the baptism of their child. Registration is required. To register, call the parish office at **814-899-5342**.



Let's Go Kayaking



Starting **Tuesday Aug 13th through every Tuesday until September 24th from 6-7 p.m.** everyone is invited to join Nick Heise at Shades Beach to go kayaking, and encounter Christ on the waters of Lake Erie, rain or shine! Please bring your own kayak; no reservation needed simply show up!

Nick will be waiting at the dock with his kayak.

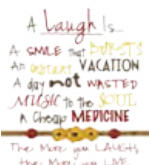
The Church In The Modern World

As the Church prepares to enter a Jubilee Year in 2025, Pope Francis has encouraged all Catholics to be renewed by reflecting on the documents of the Second Vatican Council. A 3-week study on Gaudium et Spes (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World) will be held **Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 6** at OLM. This important document called the Church to listen to and to serve the wider world. This is the work of every baptized Catholic, not just the responsibility of professional religious. Sixty years old, this text continues to challenge and inspire. Gatherings will be at both **9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**, as long as there is interest in either time slot. For more information, contact Irene at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or **814-899-6132**.



Comedy Corner

What flies around the school at night?
An alpha-bat.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Religious Education

Volunteers are needed to make the coming year of religious education a success. It is our baptismal responsibility and our privilege as God's beloved to share the faith with the next generation. We need volunteer catechists for the following levels:

Grade 1 – Sunday morning

Grade 4 – Tuesday after school

If you are willing to share your time, your heart, your faith with the youth of the parish, contact Irene Lucas at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or **814-899-6132**. Please do not wait until the last minute. Volunteers need clearances and training.

Religious Ed Registration

All youth intending to participate in formal religious education during the 2024-2025 school year need to be registered by a parent signature on the forms. If any family was unable to register last weekend, they can stop by the Faith Formation Office during normal working hours beginning **Monday, Aug. 19**. Every youth needs to be registered annually. For more information about the policies and structure of the religious education ministry, see the article in the current issue of the parish newsletter, For Mercy Sake.

Confirmation Gathering for Youth and Parents

There is an important meeting for youth entering the Confirmation preparation process and their parents on **Thursday, September 5 at 6:00 p.m.** The Diocese of Erie is implementing a new Confirmation preparation curriculum. This is the first session in this new curriculum.

Junior High Parent & Youth Session

The junior high program begins on **Sunday, Sept. 8 at 10:30**. Parents meet in the large classroom and youth gather in the gym. After the initial parent meeting and youth event, the two groups will finish this session together.

Elementary Religious Education

The first day of religious education for youth in grade 3 to 6 will be **Tuesday, Sept. 3**. Children in Kindergarten thru grade 2 will have their first class on **Sunday, Sept. 8 at 10:30 to noon**. Parents are asked to walk their children to their classroom each morning and meet them at the classroom at dismissal each day. All parents are asked to meet their child inside the building at their classroom each dismissal to ensure safety.



Are you hungry for more of God?

THERE IS MORE!

Join us for the life in the spirit course and experience the gift God has for you!

Friday, September 20th, 2024
6:00 - 9:00 pm

Saturday, September 21, 2024
9am - 3:30 pm
(lunch provided)

837 Bartlett Rd,
Harborcreek

There is no charge for this course.

Registration is required.

Register online at:

<https://bit.ly/OLMLIS>



or call at T.A. - (814) 636-1800

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Healing Ministry

Those wanting to learn more about the Healing Ministry and training, please call the Parish Office at **814-899-5342** or Sharon Kestler at **814-882-2183**.



Pilgrims of Hope Journeying Toward the Jubilee: A Fall Study



Pope Francis has declared 2025 to be a Holy Year. In the months leading to the opening of the Holy Door, he has called the faithful to a time of prayerful preparation. As part of preparing for the Jubilee Year, Catholics are encouraged to spend time reflecting on the documents of the Second Vatican Council. These documents offer an inspiring vision of the Church as they call all of God's people to lives of holy witness and courageous service in building the Reign of God.

This fall, we will have an opportunity to reflect on and discuss one of these documents, to let it renew our commitment to the Church and inspire us to live with audeus hope.

Monday, Sept. 23, 30 & Oct. 7
9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

OLM Conference Room

**Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the
Modern World (Gaudium et Spes):**

The church must read the signs of the times and interpret them in the light of the Gospel. The church does not exist alongside or apart from the world; the church is part of the world, and its mission is to serve the whole human family in order to make the human race's history more human.

For more information, contact Irene at **814-899-6132** or ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org

Women of Light Present:

Living History:
Leslie Goddard as Eleanor Roosevelt



Tickets available in the office.

October 22, 2024 at 6:30 PM
Our Lady of Mercy
837 Bartlett Road
Men and Women - \$10.00
High School Students Free

For Questions call Peggy Williams 814-490-5504

Join us for one of the most fascinating and influential public figures of the twentieth century. Born into wealth during America's Gilded Age, Eleanor grew from a shy, homely orphan into a confident, driven woman who championed progressive causes and the rights of man. Drawn from Eleanor's own letters, diaries, newspaper columns, and other writings, this thoroughly researched and engaging performance captures the warm, honest, and passionate American first lady and stateswoman.

Meet us at the Pit Campfire

Rain or Shine

Fun for all ages!

This is a BYOB event.

Provided:
Hotdogs
Chips
Water

Sept. 14th at 5:30 p.m.

Women of Light

Save the date for the next speaker for women of the light on **September 9th at 6:30**. The speaker is woman of great faith, Renee Majckrzak. Renee is the youth pastor for the CCC church on Bartlett Road and a fitness guru at the YMCA. She is dynamic, full of energy and humor. She is going to talk about her spirituality and leadership. You will not be disappointed.

MUSIC FOR MASS

Processional: # 643

Praise to You, O Christ Our Savior

Offertory: # 20

Your Words, Lord, are Spirit and Life

Holy, Holy:

Mass of Joy and Peace

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts,
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Communion: # 774

The Supper of the Lord

Recessional:

Canticle of the Turning

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.

Let the fires of your justice burn.

**Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn!**

Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.

My heart shall sing...

Text: Luke 1:46-58; Rory Cooney

Tune: STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

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Membership Form

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Change of Address Moving out of the Parish

New Parishioner
To start the new member process please call the parish office at 899-5342; or request a phone call by filling out this form and returning it to the office by mail or collection basket.

